THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 2, 1961

Dear Mrs. Calnan:

I hope you will be as pleased as the President and I are that we have arranged to have the superb Cezanne paintings which you and your father so generously presented to the United States Government hung in the Green Room of the White House. We have selected "The Forest" and "House on the Marne" to be brought here first. We plan to exchange the paintings so that eventually all of them will hang for some time at the White House. The ones not at the White House at any particular time will be in the safekeeping of the National Gallery of Art and on exhibition to the public there. All eight paintings will, of course, while at the National Gallery and while here continue to bear the label "Presented to the United States Government in memory of Charles A. Loeser".

This arrangement is particularly gratifying to me because I have often admired your father's paintings at the National Gallery of Art. Please let me know if you come to Washington; I would be delighted to show the paintings to you in their places here at the White House.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Jacqueline Kennedy

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